

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

DATE: December 09, 2004

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:02 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:37 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Lonnell Conley, Chairman
Scott Keller
Dane Mahern
Mary Moriarty Adams
Angela Mansfield

Absent Members

Jim Bradford
Mike Speedy

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 724, 2004 - reappoints Tony Buford to the Board of Public Works
"Tabled"

Vote: 4-0

PROPOSAL NO. 725, 2004 - reappoints Al Finnell to the Board of Public Works
"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 726, 2004 - reappoints Sue Schalk to the Board of Public Works
"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 677, 2004 - authorizes parking restrictions on Pennsylvania Street between Ohio Street and New York Street (District 15)
"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 678, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Orchard View Estates subdivision (District 23)
"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 679, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Spring Lake subdivision, Section 1 (District 25)
"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 680, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Emerson Woods subdivision (District 25)
"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 681, 2004 - (authorizes intersection controls for Cameron Meadows subdivision, Sections 1 through 4 (District 13)
"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 682, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Munter Lane and Wallace Avenue (District 10)
"Do Pass"

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 683, 2004 - (authorizes a change in preferential streets at the intersection of 61st Street and Rosslyn Avenue (District 3)
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 684, 2004 - authorizes a weight limit restriction on 71st Street between Hague Road and Fairwood Drive (District 12)
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 685, 2004 - authorizes a weight limit restriction on Beechwood Avenue between Franklin Road and Post Road (District 21)
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 686, 2004 - authorizes parking restrictions on Illinois Street near New York Street (District 15)
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 687, 2004 - authorizes the lowering of the speed limit on Meridian Street from Hanna Avenue to Troy Avenue (District 23)
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 688, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Lantern Road and Lantern Forest Court (District 12)
"Postponed" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 689, 2004 - authorizes the lowering of the speed limit on Sheffield Drive and Pawnee Drive (District 18)
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

The Public Works Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, October 14, 2004. Chairman Lonnell Conley called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m., with the following members present: Scott Keller, Dane Mahern, Mary Moriarty Adams, Angela Mansfield. Absent were Jim Bradford and Mike Speedy.

PROPOSAL NO. 724, 2004 - reappoints Tony Buford to the Board of Public Works

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield to Table Proposal No. 724, 2004. The motion carried by a vote of 4-1 with Chairman Conley casting the negative vote.

Councillor Moriarty Adams stated that the reason for tabling this proposal is due to projects that were not voted upon by the public works board. Many times the Public Works Board did not have a quorum, which resulted in votes of the public works board to vote against the projects. She said that the projects were awarded to the lowest bidder based on state bidding law. The lowest bidder had met all the requirements of the state bid law so there was no reason to hold up the projects. These projects affected seven council districts across Indianapolis. Councillor Moriarty Adams stated that Mr. Buford voted against these projects and she did not agree with his vote.

PROPOSAL NO. 725, 2004 - reappoints Al Finnell to the Board of Public Works

Al Finnell, Board of Public Works, stated that he has served on the board of Public Works for one year and has learned so much about the process. He stated that the DPW is committed to the efficient and effective high quality service to the citizens of Indianapolis by providing and maintaining various infrastructures that are necessary to ensure a safe a healthy environment.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield to send Proposal No. 725, 2004 to the full council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 726, 2004 - reappoints Sue Schalk to the Board of Public Works

Sue Schalk, Board of Public Works, stated that the position consists of doing presentations for other boards across the stated and in the mid-west and it is a very good process. Ms Schalk stated that with doing different presentations she understands exactly what goes into making those kind of board decisions. She stated it has been a great experience to be on the Board of Public Works.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield to send Proposal No. 726, 2004 to the full council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 688, 2004 - authorizes intersection controls for Lantern Road and Lantern Forest Court (District 12)

Chairman Conley explained that Councillor Franklin asked that Proposal No. 688, 2004 be postponed until further notice.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield to Postpone Proposal No. 688, 2004. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 689, 2004 - authorizes the lowering of the speed limit on Sheffield Drive and Pawnee Drive (District 18)

Vernon Brown, City County Council stated that this proposal is to reduce the speed limit in that area. The neighborhood association did a petition drive and 75% of the neighborhood signed the petition to lower the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph on Sheffield Drive and Pawnee Drive. Councillor Brown stated that the request is for the safety and security of the neighborhood children. He stated the DPW did a study on this area and the results stated that the reductions of the speed limit was not warranted, but the DPW use statistics and it is the councillors

that have the responsibility to keep in mind the human element and not go on statistics. By lowering the speed limit this will better secure the safety of the neighborhood.

Chairman Conley, asked if there would be a difference in lowering the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph. Hugh Wunderly, President of the Sheffield Neighborhood Association, stated that the main concern in the community is the safety of the kids. Mr. Wunderly said that he understands that lowering the speed limit would not be the full answer but that it would also take enforcement, awareness and education to everyone one that is involved. He stated that average speed that people drive in that area is roughly about 39 mph and by lowering the speed limit would hopefully slow the drivers down in this area. Mr. Wunderly stated that the people in the community feel that they don't have a voice with concerns against city hall, so if this proposal is passed this will encourage the citizens to get more involved in the future. Chairman Conley, asked how long the neighborhood association has been trying to get the speed limit lowered in that area. Mr. Wunderly stated that it has been almost a year.

Councillor Mahern, stated the he does not like to go against the recommendations of DPW but in this instance the community has done what was needed so he will support this proposal.

Councillor Keller, stated that he will continue to vote for neighborhood groups, and he is in support of this proposal.

Councillor Mansfield moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern to send Proposal No. 689, 2004 to the full council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

[Clerks note: Consent was given to hear Proposal Nos. 677 through 686, 2004 together.

Nathan Sheetz, Department of Public Works, read Proposal Nos. 677 through 686, 2004 together.

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Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield to send Proposal Nos. 677 – 686, 2004 to the full council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 687, 2004 - authorizes the lowering of the speed limit on Meridian Street from Hanna Avenue to Troy Avenue (District 23)

Mr. Sheetz stated that the original request was to lower the speed limit on Meridian Street from Thompson to Troy Avenue, but the speed study results determined that DPW could lower the speed limit in the section of Hanna Avenue to Troy Avenue from 45 mph to 40 mph.

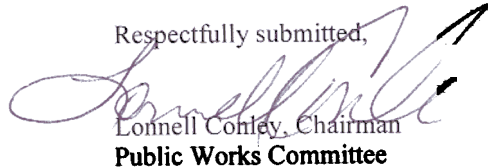
Councillor Mahern stated that he likes that this determination was made by looking at what was most effective, and he will support this proposal.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Mansfield to send Proposal No. 687, 2004 to the full council with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Works Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lonnell Cohley, Chairman
Public Works Committee

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